



Fire Department

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FIRE EXIT DRILLS

1980 Las Vegas, NV - MGM Grand Hotel, 84 fatalities, 700 injured
1985 Bradford England - Soccer stadium, 56 fatalities, 200 injuries
1987 Milwaukee, WI - Dwelling fire, 12 fatalities
1990 New York, NY - Happy Land Social Club, 87 fatalities
1991 Hamlet, NC - Imperial Chicken Processing Plant, 25 fatalities, 50 injured
2003 West Warwick, RI - The Station Night Club, 100 fatalities
2003 Chicago, IL - Cook County Administration Building, 6 fatalities

The above are just a small number of examples of multiple fatal fires which happen in all aspects of our lives, at home, work, or relaxing. When we were in school fire drills were held to teach us what to do in case of a fire. This is a lesson mostly forgotten after we leave school. We need to reinvest in this long-misplaced message and make our lives safer:

At home -

- Have functioning smoke detectors
- Plan two escape routes out of each room
- Have a meeting place outside that everyone knows
- Practice the plan

At work -

- Know more than one way out
- Locate and become skilled at operating the nearby fire extinguisher
- Have a meeting place outside that everyone knows

While on a "night out" -

- Locate a second way out
- Be conscious of overcrowding
- In a hotel or motel, count how many doors there are to the exit from your room

Take **RESPONSIBILITY** for yourself and your loved ones ' safety because what you do not know CAN hurt you.

To arrange an interview with a member of the department relating to these issues or any additional fire safety concerns, please contact Lieutenant Brian O ' Connor at (414) 286-8968.

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